Richmond's Oppotunity Labeled.

The Times Disputch quotes at the head of its editorial column the statement that the opportunity of a life-time comes unlabeled. It is not so with Richmond. For some three years now the people of the city have steadily refused people of the city have steadily recused to accept a great publid library, when the only cost to them would be the cost of maintenance. A few weeks ago Mr. Carnegie passed through the city and offered to double the cost of the proposed library building if only her people would bestir themselves and provide a suitable and reasonable annual appropriation.

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It may be said that the Laird of Skibo is sellish in his generosity; that he seeks to make others give when he might easily give both building and an endowment equivalent to the cost of perpetual naintenance. Granted, for the sake of argument. Yot the fact remains that Richmond has no adequate free library; that her school teachers, school children, working peaple and well-to-do stand in sore need of a library. The city which gave Poe to the world has no public library; and Poe, the greatest poet ever produced on this side the Atlantis, would laugh to scorn this rich and powerful city could be but hear the argument advanced against a library by some able and otherwise public-spirited effizens.

Libraries are in our day necessities.

Libraries are in our day necessities, not luxuries; they are productive forces in the great cities of America and the world. Who can estimate the value to the world of putting one aspiring young man in touch with a large collection of books? Not only our city, but the State and country, would be the beneciarles of the work of some Boomar, who may even now be living in Elchmond and without sufficient inducement to read and to study. The answer that the State Albrary would meet the need is not sufficient, besides the city of Richmond is not entitled to the State Library. A well-managed Carnegle library for Richmond would not only prove a stepping Libraries are in our day necessities,

is not entitled to the State Library. A well-managed Carnegle library for Richmond would not only prove a stepping stone to greatness for some of our young people; it would stimutate the reading habit, raise the standard of culture and widen the horizon of literary taste. All this we refuse because we are unwilling to vote, at least this is claimed, the paltry sum of ten thousand a year!

Again, Richmond is an educational center, and as such increasing its influence on the youth of the South. The Bantists of Virginia spend many thousands in the city each year for education; the Presbyterians add as much more to the volume of circulating capital: might not the city add a little to these educational assets and attract phants of Richmond College and the Union Theological Seminary? It certainly seems so. But there is in this connection a still more practical side. The hundred thousand which Mr. Carnegle would give would be spent in Richmond; it would go directly to local contractors and laborers and indirectly into the coffers of our merchants and manufacturers; the ten thousand which Mr. Carnegle would, if they are properly qualified, be appointed to manage the library. These are among the least of the reasons for accepting the Carnegle proposition; they are, however, worth while; they meet the "penny wise and pound foolish" arguments of some opponents of the library. Lastly, from the point of civic pride, such a handsome and useful public building qught to be desired. No large city in the nation tries to get on without a public library. Think of Boston, Baltimore and New Orleans with their crowded libraries; of Norfolk, Raleigh, Charlotte edjoying far better library facilities than Bishmond-Richwond. The least of the city of an apublic library.

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Richmond—Richmond, the city of ancient Virginia culture, the one-time capital of the Southern (Infederacy, the
boasted center of Southern eivilization)
But this is not all; such towns as Salisbury, Greensboro and Winston-Salem.
N. C., have handsome public libraries
built by the same "Laird of Skille," who
is anxious to see a handsome library in
our midst. Richmond is not only not
looking to the future, nor doing her duty
by her young people; she is lagging behind the eitles of her class in the country; she is distanced even by towns of
ten thousand inhabitants. Are we proud
of this record? Is this repelling the
charge that we do not love books? Shall
we remain content in our present laggard condition? Or, shall we meet the
"labeled" opportugity as, becomes an eiterpristing and alext community of the
twentich century? There are teachers
of the young, lovers of good books and
good citizens of the town or neighboring
suburbs (whose names are on the taxbooks), who will be ashamed of their
city if she answers these questions by
refusing longer to meet the Carnegie
proposition. WM, E. DODD.

April 19, 1906. April 19, 1906.

A ROCK IN THE BALTIC.

\$15,000,000 What Would You Do

With It. What is the first thing you would do if

you were poor, in uncongenial employment and made unhappy by those you served, and if, unexpectedly, you should fall helr

and it, unexpectedly, you should fall held to \$15,000,000?

It is a safe guess you would not use the money as did Dorothy Amherst, and it is an equally safe supposition that in one thousand guesses you could not hit upon the utterly unique way she spent the money. No, it was not for charity or eccentricity, or to buy a foreign husband, or a title or land or house, or even dewelry, but for something such as no jewelry, but for something such as no other woman, since the world began, ever

other woman, since the world began, ever hought. Guess.

Here is another poser: Liout. Drummond, of the British cruiser Consternation, used a desert rock in the Baltio as a target for a new naval gun. The rock sent back at once a cannon shot that nearly sank the cruiser. What was on that rock? It was uncharted, unnamed in the category or fortified spots. How then could it blaze away at passing ships and with up-to-date gunnery?

Those are two of the many mysteries that render so delightful Roberts Barr's newest and most stirring romance, "A flock in the Baltic." Robert Barr is the foremost flying exponent of the fiction of action. In "A Rock in the Baltic," he last written a story that holds the reader

newest and most stirring romance, "A flock in the Baltic." Robert Barr is the foremost living exponent of the fiction of action. In "A Book in the Baltic," he has written a story that holds the reader spelibound from slart to finish.

This heroine, lovely Dorothy Amherst, is the best, mest charming type of modern American girls, sweet, lovable, altogether winsome. The kind of girl every man wants to meet, and that one man in a million does meet, and that one man in a million does meet. Alan Trammond, the nero, is a goleticle, rounly chap, with a faculty for Kellag bitte and out of the most thrilling sort of adventures.

"A Rock in the Beltic" is one of the flozen new loyels by famous modern errors, which comprise the Authors and Newspapers. Association's great \$150,000 peries of books which are to be issued monthly for the forthcoming twolve months. It is the highest priced and best tot of books ever offered to the reading public.

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The Sunday Times-Dispatch has secured the exclusive right to publication in this city and the surrounding territory. Send in your orders carriy to your newsdealer, in order to make certain of getting a copy. Publication commences Bunday, May 6th.

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on all mall orders of \$5 and over from any point in the Virginias or Carolinas accompanied by CASH



Beautiful Dressing Sacques, \$2

Fine lawn, with Waitsau back, square collar of embroidery, entire front trimmed with embroidery, kimone sleeves.

This garment is a remarkably good value at the price—almost equal, in fact, to many three dollar Dressing Bacques.

Sheer White Linen For Waists and Suits, 25c yd

Compares Favorably With Most

Linens Sold in Richmond at 40c. About two thousand yards in this lot-all pure Linen. The very sheer and fine weave has a dull finish, while the heavier

Both weaves the very best in the city at 25c a yard.

White Linen Suitings, 90 in. wide,

79c and 85c yd. Extra Values at This Price, as the Linens are Worth

\$1 and \$1.25 a yard. Anticipate your wants for the summer, as fashion says a woman's wardrobe will not be complete without one or more Linen Suits.

These Suitings are all pure linen and unusually wide.

Linen Finish White Suiting,

121/2C,

Boys' Suits, Children's Dresses, Misses' Costumes, Women's Skirts and Coats.

You're getting a good wearing material in a linen effect without its cost if you use this fabric.
Three grades—each especially good at the price.

White Pique and White Poplin,

121/2c yd.

About 500 yards of the Pique, which is a regular 13c quality; 400 yards of Poplin—an especially desirable piece of goods. Both fabrics

Soft Nainsook, 10c, 12½c, 15c, 17c.

Cheap Enough at These Prices, But a Still Greater

Saving if Bought in 12 yard Pieces.

36 inches wide, 10c yard, or \$1.10 for 12-yard piece.
36 inches wide, 12 1-2c yard, or \$1.45 for 12-yard piece.
36 inches wide, 15c yard, or \$1.50 for 12-yard/piece.
40 inches wide, 17c yard, or \$1.90 for 12-yard piece.

White Longcloth, \$1.45 per piece.

Extra Value at This Price.

Our last shipment of No. 200 Long Cloth to sell at the old price of \$1.45 has just been received. Several thousand yards on hand at \$1.45 for 12-yard lots. The new price will be a dollar sixty-five.

White Lawns and India Linons,

40 in. wide, 10c, 12½c and 15c.

at the same prices is the difference between goods of a better and

Wash Chiffons, 39c and 50c yd.

A Wash Chiffon is one of the most desirable white dress fabrics you can have. Two extra values on Monday, 48 inches

The difference between these fabrics and those elsewhere

Fine, Soft Nainsook for your summer sewing.

Our 10c goods are the usual 12 1-2c quality. Our 12 1-2c goods are the usual 15c, quality. Our 15c goods are the usual 20c quality.

The prices quoted by the yard are actually less than the mill prices lay. We purchased these goods some time ago.

grade has a lustre finish.

IOC.

Grand Clearing Sale of Silks and Dress Goods

Begins Monday Morning.

Hundreds of Pieces At An Average of Half Their Value.

19c, 25c, 39c, 49c, 50c, 59c, 75c, \$1 yd.

Many of these lots have been marked down in price for this sale-others were bought at special figures

to go in with the marked-down goods. We will also offer in this sale all of our Dress Goods and Silk Remnants at greatly reduced prices.

Special tables in each department, as follows: In the Dress Goods Department.

On the 39c Table.

Dress Goods that sold up to 75c.

On the 59c Table.

overhead and win

dow display goods, that originally sold for \$1.00 and \$1.50

plaids and checks.

Concessions in Price on All

the other three in lighter lawns.

Cambrie, frock and frii style, short sleeves, yoke back and front, cuffs of nice quality embroidery insertion, skirt trimmed to match; a sult that's well adapted to misses and small women; sizes up to 36; price, \$4.98.

A second style is of White Cannon Cloth, the material that resembles linen; Eton style, three-

quarter sleeve, trimmed with Ince,

wide fancy braid on the front and

A third style is in White Duck,

terations on any Suit under \$15.00.

in all white; regular 25c kind for

Fans, painted silk gauze, in

Dress Shields, Kleinert's "Lin-

gerie," trimmed with lace, just

\$7.98 for the gx12 feet.

white, blue or pink, 25c.

price that any Richmond store has ever shown.

back of the coat; price, \$4.98.

Special lot of

You will find Dress Goods that sold up to 39c yard.

On the 19c Table.

On the 25c Table. Dress Goods that sold up to 50c per

On the 50c Table. Dress Goods that sold up to \$1.00.

Women's Suits that

sizes in the lot, but not in any one style, hence the cut in price.

Fine quality pure white French Cambrie, frock and frill style, short sleeves, yoke back and front, cuffs of nice quality em-

\$1.08.

Eight Articles in Small Wares That

High-Grade Novelty Suits

The exclusive things, of which we have but one

or two of a kind.

We have quite a number of Suits that have been \$42.50 to \$55.00, on which we will make a reason-

able concession in price.

Being so many different styles, we cannot go into

We make a slight charge for alterations that may be needed.

On the 75c Table.

Dress Goods that sold up to \$1.50

On the \$1 Table. Dress Goods that sold up to \$2.00

Retailed up to \$29.50 now

Mostly Eton Coats, with a few pony styles. Coat lined with taffeta. Full range of

New Lot of

Heatherbloom Petticoats,

You know the quality and style of the Heather-

bloom Skirts that we've been selling all season.

These petticoats are extra wide, all lengths, with an extra deep ruffle, dust ruffle, shirring and tucks.

Black, wine, yellow, cream, medium, dark green,

yoke front and back in star de-

signs of fine tucking and narrow lace insertion; body trimmed with

two silk medallions, cuffs trim-med with lace and tucking; skirt

Fine Sheer Lawn Shirt Walst Suit, long sleeve, buttoned in the

back; square yoke of lace inser-tion; body of tucking and lace in-sertion; sleeves trimmed with lace

.nd lace insertion to elbow; skirt trimmed to match, with wide, deep

to match; all sizes, \$4.98.

young. This season's most stylish Suits in light-weight plain Panama and Chif-

Six Unsurpassed Styles of Wash Suits

Tis no more than fair to these garments to say that they dive special values. \$4..98 at \$7.50 each. Three of the styles are in heavy cambric, cannon cloth and duck—

tace; skirt flared and has three two-inch folds; sizes to 42; price,

Among the lighter weight suits is one of Lawn, in shirt waist style; yoke front and back of wide lace insertion; hand-worked Jap'silk medallions down the center; skirt to match, \$4.98.

We offer the above garments as the greatest collection of value and style combined for the

The prices for our Wash Suits are so moderate this year that we must make a charge for al-

Neckwear, twenty-four styles, all white; regular 25c kind for Oc.

Now Japanese Leather with fancy buckles, 50c.

The thing for light weight shirt is lustre taffeta, 4 1-2 inches wide, in white, light blue, pink, cream, cardinal, reseda, nickel, navy, potunia and black, 10c each.

New Princess Leather Belts, in

Ribbons, extra heavy, high

black, white, brown, green and red, 50c each.

'Tis no more than fair to these garments to say that they'd be splendid values

Another one of our great Suit bargains, available while the season is yet

fon Panama; black, navy, green, old rose, heliotrope, gray, pearl gray, shadow

In the Silk Department.

On the 25c Table. Silks that sold

up to 50c yard.

On the 39c Table. Silks that sold up to 75c. yard.

On the 50c Table. Silks that sold up to \$1.00 yard. On the 75c Table.

Bilks that sold up to \$1.50 yard.

Loom End Taffetas, 39c yd. We'll cut any

length. They are the regular 59c quality.

75c Dotted Corean Silks for 49c yd.

75c Foulards for 49c yd. In dots and small

\$1.00 Foulards for 59c yd.

40 inches wide in brown dot and brown scroll design.

Warner Rust-**Proof Corsets**



The one illustrated is No. 291, and the price is \$2. Dip hip, new high bust, made of good Batiste; two sets of heavy garters. When your Corset is a "Warner Rust Proof" it's all right, no matter what the price.

No. 218 has a medium high bust, long hip, with two sets of garters, \$2.50. No. 340—High bust, long hip and front, with three sets of gar-ters; a corset for stout figures, \$3.

Some Suggestions for Wedding Presents

Our basement departments have some wondrously pretty things in the way of cut glass and silverware.

The advantage in buying from us is that you not only get the best of assortments, but the are so uniformly reasonable.

Cut Glass Tumblers, only \$3.69 dozen.

Cut Glass Bowls, beautiful new patterns, \$5.00.

All Sterling Silver \$1

each. Quadruple plate silver Tea Sets 4 pieces, beautiful gray finish, poppy designs, \$10.98.

Fern Dishes, new designs, \$5.00. Bread Trays, new designs, \$5.00.

in both edges and insertings, worth up to 75c dozen; our price,

Together With a Fine Assortment of First-Class Drapery Material.

\$2.25 pair for beautiful Curtains,

100 dozen Valenciennes Laces,

more in proportion to the attractiveness of a room than you might suppose from its low price.

FRENCH NET Curtains, with cluny edge and insertion, 3 yards long, \$3.00 a pair.

LACE STRIPE MADRAS Curtains, all colors, 3 yards long, very good value, \$1,19 a

Imported and Domestic Cretomes, in new effects, all colors, 19c to 75c yard.

Four Good Values in Muslin Curtains. 98c, \$1.19, \$1.39, \$1.50 You'll not make any mistake

if you select any or all of the

The 98c curtains have a deep full ruffle, 3 yards long, pretty dots and figures.

The \$1.19 Curtains have a homstitched ruffle; extra quality muslin, in new designs.

Beautifully Printed Batiste, 121/2C

The patterns are neat and clear on the finest Batiste Cloth, 32 inches wide. We know you'll like a dress made from this fabric.

Sheets: Extra Value. 00c, 09c

The manufacturers of one of the best grades of Sheets has just notified us that our contract for Sheets at the present prices was exhausted, and that future delivwould be at advanced prices. We still have a good supply on hand, but we'd advise you to take advantage of the present figures. Sheets, 2 1-4x2 1-2 yards, 75c

value, for 60c. Sheets, 2 1-2x2 1-2 yards, 85c value, for 69c.

Demonstration of Hudnut's Toilet Preparations

Hudnut's pharmacy in New York has a world-wide reputa-

We consider their toilet prepa-

rations to be equal to, if not bet-ter, than any others made. Demonstration begins at our

toilet counters to-morrow morning near the main entrance.

Full line of samples given away. Hudnut's Violet Sec. Toilet Powder, 25c box.

Hudnut's Extreme Violet · Tal-

tubes), 25c, Maryelous Cold Cream (In

jars), 50c. Tollet Cerate Skin Food, 50c jar. Orchid Beauty Cream, \$1.00

French Net and Madras Curtains. A Little Information About Mattings.

Women Will Be Interested In

Another style Shirt Walst Suit flounce and shirring; three rows of Lawn has three-quarter sleeves, lace insertion and tucking, \$4.98.

The Japanese Government is very particular as to the kind of Matting shipped away from Japan, or rather they're particular as to what Japanese merchants represent their mattings to be. First-class goods are stamped by an inspector with the word "Passed." If this word does not appear on the mattings, the

goods are not up to standard. It never pays to buy a defective matting at any price. Cotton-Warp Japanese Mattings, carpet and geometrical patterns,

Cotton-Warp Japanese Mattings, earpet and geometrical patterns, all colors, 27c yard.

White Japanese Mattings, inlaid designs, 35c quality, 30c yard. High Grade Japanese Mattings, good colors, inlaid designs, a 35c quality, for 30c yard laid.

Extra Heavy China Matting, checks, plaids and pin stripes, 22c

Heavier Grade Hand-Palmed China Matting, all colors, 30e quality,

Finest Quality China Matting, white and colors, fine plaids and stripes, 33c yard laid.

FIBRE CARPETS, all colors, as low as 29c a yard. WIBRE RUGS and DRUGGETS, extensive variety colors and patterns, 65c to \$18.00.

CREX GRASS makes one of the best floor coverings you can get. Rugs all sizes and colors. 50c for 18x36-inch Rugs, up to 3 yards long, wide insertion, with Battenberg edge.

This curtain will add much

The \$1.39 Curtains comprise some novel effects in flat Cur-tains, with a wide hem and renals-sance edge.

Prettiest Dresses In Richmond For Children Between 2 and 6 Years Old.

an inferior quality.

wide, 39c and 50c a yard.

Flake Mixtures, yard, I5C

A Beautiful Colored

Dress Linen.

bined in a linen dress-when you

can get one neatly made and from such pretty Mixed Linen Suitings,

you have an ideal garment for hot

weather.

Red, pink, light blue, Alice, gray, brown, heliotrope and green, 15c yard.

(Basement.)

20c yd, 25c yd

Regular Blue and White Stripe

Feather Ticking at less than what

is now market prices. Get some if your bed or pillows need a new

31 inches wide, 20c yard, 36 inches wide, 25c yard,

Good Qualities.

Bed Tickings:

Style and service are both com-

Money and skill combined have made this department the leading one of its kind in the South.

We want every mother in Richmond to see the beautiful things in this section, even though she may not need to buy at once.

Nainsook Dresses, round yoke of fagotting, with a hand-finish of French knots and feather stitching; yoke of fine tucks in the back, 75c. National Dress, fine quality, with a yoke of feather stitched lawn and two rows dainty Val. lace insertion, lace edge neck and sleeve, \$1.00.

Fine Persian Lawn Dress, with yoke of Val. lace insertion and hand-finished, extremely dainty, lace in neck and sleeve, \$1.50.

cum Powder, 50c box,
Hudnut's Violet Superba Face
Powder, 60c box,
Violet Brilliantine Hair Dressing, 50c bottle,
Maryelous Cold Cream (in.

Milk of Cucumber and Orris,

#1.00 jar.
Violet Sec. and Extreme Violet
Tolict Water, 75c bottle,
Sea Shell Tooth Powder, 25c

SNOW FLAKE CUR-TAINS, all colors, fringed Nainsook Dress, pointed yoke, with two rows of lace insertion and lawn; bottom of dress has three clusters of two tucks each and ruffle will cluster of tucks and lace edge, \$2.50. ends; a \$3.50 quality, for Arabian Cloth is a new and effective overdrapery in an etamine weave, 40 inches wide, 30c yard.

The \$1.50 style comes in plain muslin, two rows of Battenberg insertion and Battenberg edge, deep, full ruffle.